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SUBJECT: CHICAGO TRIBUNE ARTICLE ABOUT AMY CONGER (O'FLAHERTY)

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1. TO KEEP THE RECORD STRAIGHT, CONSUL PURDY SPECIFICALLY DENIES HAVING MADE STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO HIM IN SUBJECT STORY (PARA 14, REFTEL), "YOU GOW FF PRETTY EASY, COMPARED WITH WHAT THEY USUALLY DO."

2. PURDY DOES NOT RECALL ANY STATEMENT OF THIS CHARACTER, WHICH WOULD IMPLY THAT PURDY HAD SPECIFIC OR FIRSTHAND KNOWLEDGE OF WAY IN WHICH GOC TREATS DETAINEES. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT ON HEARING MRS. O'FLAHERTY'S DESCRIPTION OF HOW OTHER DETAINEES SHE SAW HAD FARED, PURDY MIGHT HAVE MADE SOME COMMENT TO EFFECT "IT SOUNDS LIKE YOU WERE LUCKIER THAN THEY WERE." PURDY HAS NO RECOLLECTION OF MAKING SUCH A REMARK, BUT IF IT WERE SAID IT WAS A RESPONSE TO MRS. O'FLAHERTY'S DESCRIPTION OF WHAT SHE HAD SEEN OR HEARD, AND NOTHING MORE.

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